

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

49. (new) A communication system capable of outputting data selected by an information processing device on a user side from data to be supplied from an information processing device on a supplier side, comprising:

an output device including first connection means for connecting to an information processing device on a user side, second connection means for connecting to an information processing device on a supplier side, request reception means for receiving a request from said information processing device on the user side via said first connection means, data reception means for receiving data according to said request received by said request reception means from said information processing device on the supplier side via said second connection means and output means for outputting the data received by said data reception means; and

said information processing device on a supplier side including determination means for determining whether a type of the output device which transmits a data request by data request transmission means is a type that can prevent illegal data receiving by a user, and a controller for controlling the transmission of the data to said output device in accordance with the determination by said determination means.

50. (new) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said output device including:

transmission means for sending, to said information processing device on the supplier side, charge information in response to said output by said output means.

51. (new) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said output device including;

charge information storage means for storing said charge information; and deletion means for deleting said charge information from said charge information storage means after having sent said charge information to said information processing device on the supplier side in case that a power-off operation of said output device has been detected.

52. (new) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said output device including:

data storage means for storing the data received by said data reception means; deletion means for deleting said data from said data storage means in case that the data has been stored in said storage means for a predetermined time, or in case that the power-off operation of said output device has been detected.

53. (new) The communication system according to Claim 49, further comprising:
an information processing device on a manager side including management means for registering and managing said output device;

wherein said determination means determines if said output device has been registered by said management means.

54. (new) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said information processing device on the manager side is included in said information processing device on the supplier side.

55. (new) A control method for controlling an information processing device on a supplier side that supplies data, comprising:

a determination step for determining whether a type of a output device requesting, by data request transmission means, the transmission of data selected by an information processing device on the user side based on product data including information on the data selected by said information processing device on the user side is a type that can prevent illegal data receiving by a user; and

a control step for controlling the transmission of the data to said output device in accordance with the determination in said determination step;

wherein said output device includes first connection means for connecting to the information processing device on a user side, second connection means for connecting to the information processing device on a supplier side, request reception means for receiving a request from said information processing device on the user side via said first connection means, data reception means for receiving data according to said request received by said request reception means from said information processing device on the supplier side via said second connection means and output means for outputting the data received by said data reception means.

56. (new) A storage medium that has stored a program for controlling an information processing device on a supplier side that supplies data, said program comprising:

a step for connecting an output device to the information processing device on a user side, a step for connecting the output device to the information processing device on a supplier side, a step for receiving a request from said information processing device on the user side, a step for receiving data according to said request from said information processing device on the supplier side and a step for outputting the data received by said data reception means;

a determination step for determining whether the type of the output device requesting, by data request transmission means, the transmission of the data selected by said information processing device on the user side based on the product data including information on the data selected by said information processing device on the user side is a type that can prevent illegal data receiving by a user; and

a control step for controlling the transmission of the data to said output device in accordance with the determination in said determination step.